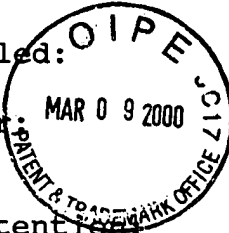


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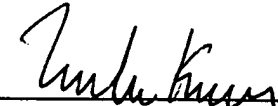
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Sir:

In response to the Office Letter dated April 7, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application, attached hereto is an executed Declaration for Patent Application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. In addition, a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the required surcharge for filing the declaration is also attached, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.16.

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Enclosed are twenty-three (23) sheets of formal
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